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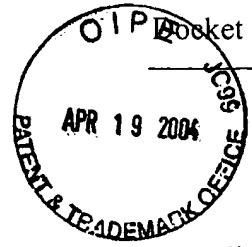
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with seven (7) references.
- (X) Four Office Actions from related applications.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing seven references that are also enclosed. Also enclosed are copies of Office Action from related Applications No. 09/804,458, Application No. 09/804,580 and Application No. 09/804,457.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

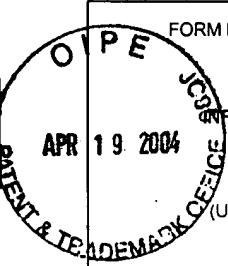
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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1	4,801,543	1/31/1989	Arnold et al.			
2	5,194,133	3/16/1993	Clark et al.			
3	5,643,742	7/1/1997	Malin et al.			
4	6,376,233	4/23/2002	Wolf et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)	
✓ 5	Jacobs et al., "Control of Action Potential-Induced Ca^{2+} Signaling in the Soma of Hippocampal Neurons by Ca^{2+} Release from Intracellular Stores", (1997) Journal of Neuroscience 17(11):4129-4135.	
✓ 6	Reiner et al., "Use of a Membrane Potential -Sensitive Probe to Assess Biological Expression of the Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Conductance Regulator" (1995) Human Gene Therapy 6:1275-1283.	
✓ 7	Sinha et al., "Simultaneous Optical Recording of Evoked and Spontaneous Transients of Membrane Potential and Intracellular Calcium Concentration with High Spatio-Temporal Resolution" (1995) Journal of Neuroscience Methods 60:49-60	

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